

UTAH PSC partially approves additions to Qwest wire center list

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The Public Service Commission released an order late Monday approving Qwest Corp.'s designation of the Midvale main central office as a Tier 2 nonimpaired wire center and its addition as such to the nonimpaired wire center list. The effective date of the addition is Sept. 7, the commission said.

In late June, Qwest submitted the updated nonimpairment list and supporting data to the PSC for approval. Although parties did not object to the Midvale wire center nonimpairment designation, competitive carriers such as Covad Communications, Eschelon Telecom of Utah, Inc., and McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc., filed an objection to Qwest's Orem central office being classified as a Tier 2 wire center.

The PSC determined to "informally" approve the designation for the Midvale wire center, but said it would investigate the data associated with the impairment status of the Orem wire center.

The commission also released on Monday a procedural schedule it will follow to determine the proper designation of the Orem central office. The competitive carriers are to provide data responses to the Division of Public Utilities by Oct. 10, and Qwest is to provide an analysis of the CLEC data by Oct. 24. Additional comments are due Nov. 7 and response comments are due Nov. 14. (Docket 07-049-30)

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